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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit 2814

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Appln. No.: 10/026,537

Filed: December 27, 2001

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Confirmation No.: 9451

Group Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: Rao, Shrinivas H.

February 5, 2003

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer as to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

- B1
9. (Twice Amended) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device, comprising:
- preparing a semiconductor substrate;
  - forming a silicon oxide layer on the semiconductor substrate;
  - forming a conductive layer on the silicon oxide layer; and
  - forming a metal oxide layer with a substantially uniform thickness at an interface between the silicon oxide layer and the conductive layer.

Please see the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim.



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**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: February 5, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. Small Entity claim	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously	11	**minus 20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
For B & C See <u>Required Separate Paper</u> (Pat-256)	1	***minus 3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....	add			+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: February 8, 2003 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE						
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =	+ \$0			115/215
	(2 mos)	\$410/\$205 =				116/216
	(3 mos)	\$930/\$465 =				117/217
	(4 mos)	\$1,450/\$725 =				118/218
	(5 mos)	\$1,970/\$985 =				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract	- \$0					
8. Extension Fee				+ \$0		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....	+ \$110/\$55			+ \$0	148/248	
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), .....	add + \$180			+ \$0	126	
or if Rule 97(d) Request .....	add + \$180			+ \$0	126	
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....	+ \$750/370			+ \$0	146/246	
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....	x \$750/375 ea			+ \$0	149/249	
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....	+ \$750/375			+ \$0	1179/1279	
14. Petition fee for .....				+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE =				\$0		
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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